

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chairman Jon C. Sesso, on February 19, 2009 at
3:00 P.M., in Room 102 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Jon C. Sesso, Chairman (D)
Rep. Duane Ankney (R)
Rep. Dennis Getz (D)
Rep. Bill E. Glaser (R)
Rep. Ray Hawk (R)
Rep. Teresa K. Henry (D)
Rep. Cynthia Hiner (D)
Rep. Roy Hollandsworth (R)
Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh (D)
Rep. Dave Kasten (R)
Rep. Bill McChesney (D)
Rep. Walter McNutt (R)
Rep. Robert Mehlhoff (D)
Rep. Penny Morgan (R)
Rep. Bill Nooney (R)
Rep. Don Roberts (R)
Rep. Cheryl Steenson (D)
Rep. Dan Villa (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)
Rep. Llew Jones (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jon Moe, Legislative Branch
Samuel Speerschneider, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 543, 2/13/2009; HB 305,
2/13/2009; HB 583, 2/13/2009

Executive Action: None

00:00:04 Chairman Sesso asked to be excused and asked Rep. Hiner
to be chairwoman for the day.

00:01:29 Vice Chairwoman Hiner

HEARING ON HB 305

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:48 Rep. Frosty Calf Boss Ribs (D), HD 15, opened the
hearing on HB 305, Revise school retirement funding.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:59 Sen. Carol Juneau

EXHIBIT (aph39b01)

00:07:32 Tom Bilodeau, Research Director, Montana Education
Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

00:12:40 Rep. Sue Dickinson

00:17:31 Rep. Shannon Augare

00:18:18 Bob Vogel, Montana School Board Association

00:20:35 Madeline Quinlan, Chief of Staff, Office of Public
Instruction

00:21:57 Lynda Brannon, Montana Association of School Business
Officials

Opponents' Testimony:

00:24:29 Mary Wittinghill, Taxpayers Association

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:31:17 Rep. Villa

00:31:49 Ms. Quinlan

00:32:04 Rep. Villa

00:32:30 Ms. Quinlan

00:33:00 Rep. Villa

Closing by Sponsor:

00:33:17 Rep. Calf Boss Ribs

HEARING ON HB 543

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:34:03 Rep. Frosty Calf Boss Ribs (D), HD 15, opened the hearing on HB 543, Support funding for adult protective services worker for each reservation.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:37:17 Sen. Carol Juneau

00:39:02 Alex Ward, Associate State Director, Outreach AARP

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:41:47 Rick Bartos, Bureau Chief, Adult Protective Services

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:42:25 Rep. Kasten

00:43:06 Mr. Bartos

00:43:56 Rep. Kasten

00:44:09 Rep. Getz

00:45:18 Rep. Calf Boss Ribs

00:45:39 Jon Moe, Legislative Fiscal Division(LFD)

00:46:53 Rep. Getz

Closing by Sponsor:

00:47:42 Rep. Calf Boss Ribs

HEARING ON HB 583

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:49:03 Rep. John Fleming (D), HD 12, opened the hearing on HB 583, Fund food and agriculture innovation centers.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:55:13 Crissie McMullen, Grow Montana

00:58:16 Jan Tusick, Lake County Development Corporation,
Mission Food Center

EXHIBIT(aph39b02)

01:02:06 Pamela Lemer, Lake County Development Corporation

EXHIBIT (aph39b03)

01:09:47 Joel Bertolino, Program Coordinator, Beartooth Research
Conservation and Development

EXHIBIT (aph39b04)

01:12:59 Matthew Silent Thunder, Mission Mountain Food
Enterprise Center

01:15:41 Kevin Moore, Grow Montana's Farm to Cafeteria
Connection

EXHIBIT (aph39b05)

01:17:38 Linda Gryczan, Grow Montana

EXHIBIT (aph39b06)

01:21:16 Jay Preston, Volunteer President, Lake County
Development Corporation

01:23:28 Ben Brouwer, Alternative Energy Resources Organization

01:25:14 Gary Amestoy, Richland County Economic Development
Corporation

01:26:00 Chris Christiaens, Montana Farmers Union, Organic
Growers

01:27:56 Pat Hennessey, Dietician, American Dietetic Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

01:30:37 Rep. Fleming

ADJOURNMENT

01:31:23 Adjournment: 4:30 P.M.

Samuel Speerschneider, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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